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# Resourceful, Creative, and Solutions-Driven Professional

Learning & Development | Human Resources | Project Management

### Profile

Expertise in designing global learning experiences, implementing systems that work and leading multicultural teams

Known for turning plans into action, keeping teams aligned, and getting results in complex settings

Strategic mind, tactical focus

## **Instructional Design & Facilitation**

Crafting learning experiences for global audiences and equipping facilitation teams for high-quality delivery

### **Human Resources & Leadership**

Guiding multi-cultural teams to develop, grow, and perform at high levels

## **Project Management**

Planning, tracking, adapting, and delivering projects on time and within budget

## **Problem-solving & Implementation**

Anticipating and responding to dynamic challenges and delivering sustainable solutions

## Professional Experience \_\_\_

## **Doctors Without Borders - Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**

## Instructional Design and Technology Team Leader

Mar 2020 - present

Rockville, MD (remote)

Design and deliver facilitator-led management training programs for global audiences.

Extended training programs delivered in virtual and in-person formats (~ 400 learners/year).

- Lead a creative team producing multilingual and interactive learning materials and tools.
- Maintain pedagogical documentation and materials across programs.
- Guide facilitation teams to ensure consistent delivery, messaging, and learner experience.

### Project Coordinator and HR-Finance Manager

Managed medical projects in resource-poor and high-pressure settings.

Projects ranged in size from 50 - 600 employees with annual budgets up to \$5 million.

### May 2009 - Feb 2020 International Assignments

- Coordinated planning and facilitated discussions to implement operational timelines.
- Oversaw budgeting, financial tracking and proposed corrections and adjustments.
- Ensured compliance with local regulations and MSF security protocols.

### **PB&J Family Services**

### **Human Resources and Finance Director**

Jan 2005 - Apr 2009

Albuquerque, NM

Helped lead a non-profit serving at-risk children and families.

~100 employees with annual budget up to \$4.5 million.

- Managed HR operations including hiring, onboarding, performance reviews, employee relations.
- Administered compensation and benefits and oversaw budgeting, grant contracts, and payroll.
- Balanced daily operations with long-term stability.

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## Additional Employment

- Speaker, Self-employed
   Designed and delivered talks and workshops on leadership, communication, and learning.
- HR Coordinator, Z-Coil Footwear
   Supported recruiting, onboarding, and employee relations.
- Employment Developer, National Commission on the Status of Women
   Worked with at-risk women to identify work opportunities and built local partnerships.
- Staffing Director, Robert Half International Managed client accounts and hiring processes across multiple sectors.
- Legal Assistant and Administrative Lead, Chevron Corporation
   Coordinated office operations, legal support, and team logistics.
- Dance Instructor, Arthur Murray
   Taught private and group lessons with focus on confidence and connection.

## Technical Skills and Proficiencies\_

Software: Microsoft Office Suite, Articulate 360, Vyond, Canva, LMS platforms, Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Languages: French (B1/B2 proficiency)

**Work Style:** Calm under pressure, steady in uncertainty, and quick to find practical solutions **Strengths:** Clear communicator, fast learner, and able to turn ideas into working systems

Mindset: Curious, adaptable, and focused on getting things done

### **Education and Achievements**

Master of Instructional Design and Technology, University of Maryland Global Campus (May 2026)
Master of Business Administration (MBA), Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA
Bachelor of Arts, Communications, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR) Certificate, HR Certification Institute (HRCI)
Senior Certified Professional (SCP) Certificate, Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM)
Save the Goats, Founding Committee Member, Homa Bay, Kenya
Global Mentor Accreditation, European Mentoring and Coaching (EMCC) Association

### **Professional Mindset**

- Able to focus and concentrate in the midst of complete chaos.
- Open to changing my mind when presented with a solid reason or new perspective.
- Willing to have difficult and uncomfortable conversations on a limitless range of topics.
- Tech-savvy and enjoy learning more to optimize tools and systems.
- Skilled at summarizing different viewpoints into one comprehensive document.
- Comfortable with being uncomfortable, uncertainty, and the unknown.
- Able to find the positive and the humor in most situations.



## **ADDENDUM**

Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)	
Assignments	
Kenya, HR and Finance Project Coordinator	Jordan, HR and Finance Country Coordinator
HIV/AIDS + TB Program	Refugee Response
May 2009 - Dec 2009	Aug 2013 - Oct 2013
Malawi, HR and Finance Country Coordinator	Philippines, HR and Finance Country Coordinator
HIV Project + Measles Vaccination Response	Natural Disaster
Feb 2010 - Feb 2011	Nov 2013 - Jan 2014
Uganda, Special Project	Central African Republic, HR Country Coordinator
Resource mismanagement investigation	War Response
Jun 2011 - Oct 2011	Mar 2014 - May 2014
Nigeria, Country Finance Coordinator	Iraq-Kurdistan, Project Coordinator
Trauma Hospital + Emergency Response	Refugee Response
Nov 2011 - Jan 2012	May 2016 - Jan 2017
France, Language training	Haiti, Project Coordinator
French immersion	Specialized Burn Unit
Feb 2012 - Apr 2012	Apr 2017 - Oct 2017
Ivory Coast, HR and Finance Project Coordinator	USA, New York, Training Program Manager
Mother and Child Hospital	Management training deployment
Apr 2012 - Oct 2012	Feb 2018 - Jun 2018
Syria, HR and Finance Project Coordinator	Nigeria, Facilitator
Trauma Center	Deliver management training
Jan 2013 - Feb 2013	Oct 2018
Turkey/Syria, HR and Finance Country Coordinator	South Sudan, HR Country Coordinator
War Response	Primary care + Malaria response
May 2013 - Aug 2013	Feb 2019 - Jun 2019